The

Order of Service

for the

Laying of the Cornerstone

of

The Parish House

of

The Chapel of the Incarnation

at

Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

Saturday, June 14th, 1919

at three o'clock

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D.D., Officiant

Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

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Priest in Charge

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

THE Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

The Clergy and people being assembled in the place where the stone is to be laid, a minister shall begin—

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Answer: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Answer: Henceforth, world without end.

Minister: Except the Lord build the house;

Answer: Their labor is but vain that build it.

Minister: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and praise.

Answer: For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created.

Minister: Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them.

Answer: And they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Rector of the Parish say—

Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together here to lay the corner-stone of a House of God. The Chapel of the Incarnation is its name; as a loving gift of a churchman of this Diocese is it built, to be dedicated to the glory of the living God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us first praise God's Holy Name for the mercy and goodness with which He has so far prospered our work; and also devoutly pray that He will of His good Providence guide and guard us to the work's completion, that all we do shall be to His great honor and to the praise of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all the congregation say the Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, that these walls now begun may be built up an holy temple unto Thee. May they be kept from all common and profane uses. May the prayers and praises of thy holy Church be here offered and ascend to thy throne of grace. May thy true and lively word be set forth, the glad tidings of reconciliation in thy Gospel be diligently preached, and thy holy Sacraments duly administered. Amen.

Direct, O Lord, those who design and those who superintend this building, that it may be a House worthy of thy holy Name. Amen.

To thy protection, Almighty Father, we commend the workmen that shall be employed in building this thine House. Preserve them from every vain, profane and unholy thought, word and deed. May their lives be precious in thy sight. Give thy holy angels charge over them, to keep them in all their ways. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Minister: Behold I lay in Zion, a chief corner-stone, elect, precious.

Answer: And he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.

Minister: The stone which the builders rejected

Answer: Is become the headstone of the corner.

Minister: This is the Lord's doing

Answer: And it is marvelous in our eyes.

Minister: Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid

Answer: Which is Jesus Christ.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be read the Lesson. Ephesians II, 13-22.

And all shall say the Creed—

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius

Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven: And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANGEL-VOICES are singing
Round Thy throne of light;
Angel-harps, forever ringing,
Rest not day or night;
Thousands only live to bless Thee,
And confess Thee
Lord of might!

2 Lord, we know Thy love rejoices
O'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears, and hands, and voices
For Thy praise combine;
Craftsman's art and music's measure
For Thy pleasure
Didst design.

3 Here, great God, today we offer
Of Thine own to Thee;
And for Thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds, and hands and voices,
In our choicest
Melody.

4 Honor, glory, might and merit,
Thine shall ever be!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity!
Of the best Thou hast given,
Earth and heaven
Render Thee!

Then shall follow the reading of the deposits to be placed in the stone.

Then shall follow an address by Bishop Rhinelander.

Then shall be sung—

HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2 Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed!
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

Then the Bishop, assisted by the Builders, shall lay the stone in its place, and, striking it three times with a trowel, shall say—

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I lay the corner-stone of a building to be here erected, to be named The Chapel of the Incarnation, and to be devoted to the service of Almighty God in accordance with the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, that here true faith with the fear of God and brotherly love may forever flourish and abound, and that this place may be a House of Prayer for all people for all time to come. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Then shall the Doxology be sung by all.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop add—

O, Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop shall give the Blessing.

The Peace of God which passeth all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of
God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you
always. *Amen.*